P. R. O. Colonial Entry Book No. 53 The Lord Proprietarys assent to the eighteene Lawes before written by an Instrument under his Lordship's hand and seale as followeth.

[6 August 1650.]

Cæcilius absolut Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Barron of Baltemore &c To our right trusty and well beloved William Stone Esqre our Lieutenant of our said Province of Maryland and to our right trusty and well beloved the upper and lower house of our Generall Assembly there and to all others in our sayd province

of Maryland for the tyme beeinge.

Whereas wee understand that certaine lawes or Acts passed by the major parte of our Generall Assembly there Aprill one thousand, six hundred forty nine assented unto by unto by Lieut! William Stone, and som in Aprill last not him, wee (being very deseirous in what wee may to our sayd Assembly from whome wee find a greate deseire parts caused of complyance with us whearof wee are very sensible eighteene of the said acts or lawes, as wee approuve of engroced together in parchmt and to bee heere unto annexed greate Seale at Armes, and seigned alsoe by us deunder claring our assent unto the sayd Acts or Lawes soe annexed -sayd. And wee doe heerby with the consent heere unto of our upper and lower house of our Generall Assembly there our sayd Province of Maryland willenact them as Lawes inge and requireinge our Lieut there for the tyme being to be affixed unto cause our greate seale of the said Province them, and to publish them as Lawes there to bee observed all People within our sayd Province and the Ilands therunto the tyme beinge under the penaltys therin conbelonging tayned. And wee doe give power to our Lieut of our sayd tyme beinge, till wee or our heires Province of Maryland for shall sygnific our or their pleasure the contrary, from tyme to tyme to assent in our name to any tempo Lawes to continue in force there for som certayne tyme only that semd necessary or convenient for the good of our Colony there notw

inge any thinge to the contrary in our commission to our sayd Lieu! William Stone dated the sixt of August one thousand six hundred feigh! Provided neverthelesse that noe Lawe be assented unto by our Lieu! there for the tyme beeinge, which shall in any kinde bee or repugnant to any of the acts or Lawes heere unto annexed and unto us as aforesayd, or to any other Lawes which wee have formerly or shall heere after assent unto by any speciall writinge under our and seale at Armes and consented unto by the major parte of our Assembly there or which shalbe repugnant or